House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State youths who admirably demonstrate their true potential as lifelong learners and future societal leaders through the excellence of their achievements thus far as students; and

Whereas, Ozarkia students at Horizons Laker Educational Center in Camdenton, Missouri, have attained considerable distinction as participants in the Camdenton R-III School District's Learn and Serve program; and

Whereas, Ozarkia students recently enhanced their already impressive record of achievement when they were chosen for a Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Inspire by Example Youth Group award in light of the service-learning projects that they have undertaken; and

Whereas, Ozarkia students will receive their Inspire by Example Youth Group service-learning award during a special ceremony that will take place at the state capital on April 25, 2007; and

Whereas, Ozarkia students recognized the needs of the nonprofit Helping Hands Homeless Shelter in Camdenton and decided to initiate a series of volunteer labor projects that would subsequently involve more than 300 student-hours of work; and

Whereas, Ozarkia students painted the building interior and exterior, landscaped the grounds, designed and implemented fund-raisers, created and worked on a children's play area, increased public awareness through media and school outreach, and introduced job skills tutoring; and

Whereas, the initial impact of Ozarkia students created a ripple effect throughout the community as retirees and church groups came forward to provide additional volunteer labor that has resulted in substantial savings in labor costs for projects:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Ozarkia students for an Inspire by Example Youth Group service-learning award from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and to convey to them this legislative body's most heartfelt welcome to the state capital on April 25, 2007; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Ozarkia students of Camdenton, Missouri.

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